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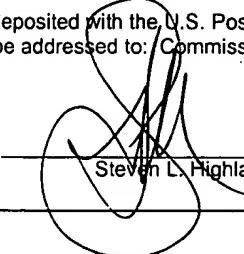
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

*In re Application of:*

Sujata KALE and  
Michael W. LONG

Serial No.: 09/753,043

Filed: December 27, 2000

For: PROCESS FOR EX VIVO FORMATION  
OF MAMMALIAN BONE AND USES  
THEREOF

Group Art Unit: 1636

Examiner: Jean C. Witz

Atty. Dkt. No.: UMIC:048US/SLH

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Commissioner:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on September 10, 2002. A response is due on January 10, 2003, by virtue of the attached petition for Petition for Extension of Time and payment of fees. Should such request or fee be deficient or absent, consider this paragraph such a request and authorization to withdraw the appropriate fee under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 from Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P. Account No.: 50-1212/10009005/SLH. Please amend the application as follows.